

Eugene Victor Damage

Philadelphia

- 1872 Eugene Damage is born in Paris on 3/23 (nat. appl.).
- 1892 Damage emigrates to US in July & listed as a weaver (Steamship Illinois list).
- 1896 Damage marries Alphonsine; 916 Pierce (marriage cert.).
- 1898 Victor Damage, brass finisher, #916 Pierce St., Phila. (dir).
- 1900 Brass worker, #916 Pierce St (census).
- 1901-1906 Musical instruments, #922 Mountain St (dir).
- 1907 Ad looking to buy used band instruments; 830 Callowhill.
- 1908 Musical instruments, #830 Callowhill St (dir).
- c.1910 Mouthpiece made with both Damage & Coeuille names on it (2nd photo on right; Ferdinand Coeuille was a brass maker in Philadelphia 1886-1916; he made the mouthpiece and may have sold them through Damage).
- 1910 Mus. Inst. maker, #830 Callowhill St (nat. application).
- 1911 Same listing; naturalized this year on 3/9.
- 1914 Ad for selling and repairing band instruments; 216 N 9th.
- 1917 #216 North 9th St (dir.). Vincent Dell'Osa (1895-1973) is working for him as a mechanic (draft record).
- 1920 Music dealer at #216 N. 9th St. Sax with serial #P17971 (bottom photo) is Pan American stencil from c.1920. Daughter Lucie is working with him (census).
- 1921 Same location (dir) (the current building is listed as being built in 1925).
- 1927 Damage music store is at #216 N. 9th (see ad below).
- 1930 No occupation listed in census. #4410 Central Ave, Sea Isle City, NJ(photo 4). Earlier that year at #216 N. 9th.
- 1935 #507 N. Palm Way, Lake Worth, FL (FL census).
- 1940 Eugene Damage, band instrument manufacturer, #507 N. Palm Way, Lake Worth, FL (census, see next page).
- 1941 Wife Alphonsine dies in Florida (FL death index).
- 1945 Eugene retired in Palm Beach, FL (FL census).
- 1964 Died in April in Palm Beach, FL at age 92 (death cert.).



Top photo is a cornet (Horn-u-copia.net) marked with his name and is made in the Besson style. Also found is one bugle and several saxophones (photo 3 of bell) with a 1914 patent and probably made by Conn.

Lake Worth home c.1935 – 1964



Cornet #217 at right & below is marked "USQMC" for a WWI contract (author's photos).



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